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I had asked Phil Graham and Eldon Griffiths for lunch, but Phil could not come.

I had a long and interesting talk with Eldon, an unusual man.
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Bill Crawford, Minister to Rumania, an expert on Iron Curtain countries, once

with me in the Paris Embassy, came to see me. He said that Russian is a compulsory course in Rumanian schools; also, the leading Rumanian officials speak Russian, as does Crawford. The Diplomatic Corps there has frequent and pleasant meetings with Government officials and their wives, but are restricted in seeing other members of the population. The Rumanians are thinking of building a big steel plant at Galatz. Crawford has been allowed to take a Dacha at Sinaia, the former Royal resort in the mountains, which they use for weekend visits.

Findley Burns has decided on a method by which we can rid ourselves of Keysign House, with its 300 occupants, most of whom are military. This will cause much internecine strife at home, but at least will be a step in ridding our Embassy of the responsibility for contingents whose work is of no pertinence to our operations.